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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: Examiner Bill Krynski

**LETTER REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.183
AND SUBMITTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 (a)(1) REQUESTING
RESTART OF OFFICE ACTION**

Examiner Krynski:

Applicants submit this request for Withdrawal of the Petition Under 37 CFR 1.183 Invoking Extraordinary Circumstances for Waiver of Extension Fees filed on February 4, 2002 (see enclosed copy of cover sheet).

To date the fee for filing this Petition has been charged against my Deposit Account twice. The first time on February 22, 2002 and the second time on March 18, 2002 (see enclosed copy of my Deposit Account records).

On March 18, 2002, I spoke with Examiner Joni Chang who informed me that the Petition has not yet been acted upon. Accordingly, please withdraw our request and refund my Deposit Account in the amount of \$260.

Applicants herein submit a Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181(a)(1) requesting restart of an office action in the above-identified

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application. The facts surrounding this request are as follows:

1. A first office action was mailed on August 3, 2001 with a three-month response, without extensions, due prior to November 3, 2001.
2. The application has been assigned to Ilford Imaging UK Limited which is a corporation located in Great Britain and Ilford Imaging Switzerland GmbH which is a corporation located in Switzerland.
3. Due to the events of September 11th and aftermath, a timely response to the action was unable to be filed prior to the November 3, 2001 deadline.
4. My office is located in the Woolworth building which is two blocks away from what was the World Trade Center and was located within what was referred to as the "Red Zone." Although the building was structurally sound after the attacks there was no electricity or phone service. To date the phone service has not fully been restored.
5. In addition, due to the attacks and subsequent "anthrax" threats, the mail to my office was delayed and not being delivered on a timely basis.
6. I was not able to gain access to my office until mid-October and during this period had no access to my files or database and therefore could not conduct "business as usual".
7. Telephone service and having access to the internet are essential to my practice. Since September 11th we have had a difficult time practicing "business as usual". In fact we had been operating from temporary offices but have recently permanently relocated our offices.
8. Our new mailing address is 1133 Broadway - Suite 1600, New York, New York, 10010 and our present phone numbers and fax are 212-871-6112; 212-871-6113.

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9. These circumstances resulted in the delay in receiving instructions from the Assignees, whom are located outside of the country, which in turn hindered the timely response to the present action.
10. Due to these extra-ordinary circumstances, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner restart the office action in the above-identified application.
11. It is believed that no fee is due for this Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)(1).

If you have any questions concerning the above please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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